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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Ans. C. M. Humphrey, T. F. Talieferro, R. D. Poole, John Reeves, T. E. Burr, J. Hager, P. H. Fishburne, C. Foster.
2. Who remain on trial? Ans. G. N. Buffington, R. J. Pollitt, J. A. Caywood, B. S. Robbins, J. O. A. Vaught, George Froh, R. Hurt, M. D. Reynolds, M. W. Hiner, W. T. Rowland, J. H. Young, G. C. Overstreet.
3. Who are discontinued? Ans. G. N. McMahon.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Ans. J. N. Current, D. W. Robertson, J. Holmes, S. S. Goodman. The case of Bro. H. R. Blaisdell was referred to the P. E., Maysville District.
5. Who are readmitted? Ans. None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Ans. W. J. Snively, A. Miner, R. H. Reed from the Illinois Conference; B. S. Robbins from the St. Louis, and G. C. Kelly from the Western Virginia Conferences.
7. Who are Deacons of one year? Ans. W. H. H. Ditzler.
8. What Traveling Preachers are elected Deacons? Ans. G. N. Buffington, S. S. Goodman.
9. What Traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons? Ans. G. N. Buffington, S. S. Goodman.
10. What Local Preachers are elected Deacons? Ans. R. D. Allen, J. Hamilton, W. M. Crow, R. D. Poole, W. Beverly.
11. What Local Preachers are ordained Deacons? Ans. John Hamilton, R. D. Allen, R. D. Poole.
12. What Traveling Preachers are elected Elders? Ans. G. D. Turner.
13. What Traveling Preachers are ordained Elders? Ans. G. D. Turner.
14. What Local Preachers are elected Elders? Ans. W. J. Carson.
15. What Local Preachers are ordained Elders? Ans.
16. Who are located this year? Ans.
17. Who are supernumerary? Ans. G. B. Poage, S. Noland.
18. Who are superannuated? Ans. Isaac Collard, T. R. Malone, J. C. Hardy, W. C. Atmore, L. C. Danley, J. Sandusky, Wm. Bickers, C. T. Widney.
19. What Preachers have died during the year? Ans. Peter Taylor, W. H. Parker.
20. Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans. The character of each one was examined and passed, except H. R. Blaisdell, referred, and G. N. McMahon, discontinued, having left his work.

Minutes of the Conference.

FIRST DAY.

PARIS, KY., SEPT. 27, 1871.

The Fifty-first Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met at the above time and place, and after religious exercises by Bishop Wightman, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following brethren answered to their names: T. N. Ralston, W. B. Landrum, Elkanah Johnson, G. W. Merritt, D. Welburn, S. L. Robertson, T. F. Vanmeter, J. Rand, T. P. C. Shelman, W. T. Benton, Orson Long, T. J. Godbey, W. W. Chamberlain, S. X. Hall, P. E. Kavanaugh, H. P. Walker, J. Strother, G. W. Smith, R. Lancaster, B. F. Sedwick, P. H. Hoffman, J. W. Fitch, William Bickers, G. T. Gould, W. F. Taylor, R. Hiner, D. B. Cooper, D. A. Beardsley, N. G. Robinson, S. S. Deering, H. A. M. Henderson, J. W. Wightman, Charles Taylor, H. H. Kavanaugh, Jun., J. C. Morris, J. B. Locke, J. C. Crow, Morris Evans, C. W. Miller, E. P. Buckner, W. T. Poynter, D. H. Marimon, B. F. Bristow, T. B. Cook, G. D. Turner, D. B. G. Demaree, J. A. Henderson.

The lay delegates were announced as follows:

Lexington District.—S. Martin, R. Owen, B. F. Berkley, J. J. Hunt.

Harrodsburg District.—R. Gentry, H. T. Jones, J. W. Fleece, T. J. Overstreet.

Shelbyville District.—C. J. Constantine, J. R. Beckley, A. T. Vaughn, W. Pugh

Covington District.—R. Talieferro, R. Shaw, C. Claxton, L. Perrin.

Maysville District.—J. Kirk, F. Hinkle, J. W. Staten, S. Pollitt.

West Liberty District.—J. Orear, J. Cecil, J. H. Hager, H. G. Burns.

Barboursville District.—J. McNeal, J. Craig, W. S. Culbyhouse, J. S. Kelley.

The following laymen answered to their names:—C. J. Constantine, J. R. Beckley, W. Pugh, S. Martin, H. T. Jones, T. J. Overstreet, J. H. Hager, J. Craig, J. S. Kelley.

T. F. Vanmeter was elected Secretary, and G. W. Smith Assistant.

Conference agreed to sit with open doors. On motion, it was agreed that each session open at $8\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. and close at $12\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

On motion, the fifth seat from the pulpit was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Moved, that a Conference prayer meeting be held at 8 o'clock A. M. The motion was lost, and the subject referred to the committee on public worship.

The following Committees were appointed, viz.:

On Public Worship.—G. W. Merritt, J. C. Morris.

On Memoirs.—D. H. Marimon, P. E. Kavanaugh, S. L. Robertson.

On motion, the plan of last year, of having Committees of the whole and appointing a Chairman for each one was adopted, and the following Chairmen where appointed :

On Sunday Schools.—J. Rand.

On Books and Periodicals.—C. Taylor.

On Education.—H. A. M. Henderson.

On Bible Cause.—G. S. Savage.

On Missions.—D. B. Cooper.

H. A. M. Henderson was appointed Conference Reporter.

It was moved that the Committee on Public Worship dispense with afternoon preaching. Lost.

Moved, that the Committee on Public Worship be requested to have preaching at 11 o'clock, A. M., each day. Lost.

A resolution of the Shelbyville District Conference, calling the attention of the Annual Conference to the subject of aiding indigent young men who are studying for the Ministry, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from Dr. McFerrin, the Missionary Secretary, in relation to the subject of Missions, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Bishop announced the transfer of B. S. Robbins, a probationer, from the St. Louis to the Kentucky Conference; also, G. C. Kelly from the Western Virginia Conference.

A communication from Dr. A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House at Nashville, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Question 20th was taken up.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The character of the following brethren was examined and passed: G. W. Merritt, T. J. Dodd, D. A. Beardsley, S. Noland, H. A. M. Henderson, W. T. Poynter, F. W. Noland, Orson Long, T. B. Cook, C. Taylor, D. B. Cooper, S. X. Hall, J. Ditzler, R. T. P. Allen, W. McD. Abbott, M. Evans, J. E. Letton, S. S. Deering, W. C. Campbell, C. T. Widney. Bro. Widney's health having failed he was granted a Superannuated relation.

President Arbogast of the Kentucky Wesleyan University, was introduced to the Conference, which then adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

SEPT. 28, 1871.

Conference met at the stated hour, and after religious services by W. B. Landrum, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following brethren, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

W. McD. Abbott, J. C. Hardy, W. B. Kavanaugh, G. S. Savage, W. D. Power, L. C. Waters, J. R. Deering, E. L. Southgate, W. B. Godbey.

Lay delegates: J. W. Fleece, R. Talieferro, J. W. Staten.

The minutes were read and approved. The Secretary was directed to make a minute of the appointments for preaching during the session.

W. T. Poynter was chosen as an additional Assistant Secretary.

W. K. Wood, S. Pope and W. Cox, reserve delegates, were admitted to seats in the Conference, in lieu of principals absent.

A communication from Dr. Redford on the old Missionary debt and the unpaid subscriptions of last year, was referred to W. T. Poynter.

L. H. Baker of the St. Louis Publishing House, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 20th resumed: W. B. Godbey, G. T. Gould, N. G. Robinson, R. Hiner, W. W. Chamberlain, W. F. Vaughn, B. F. Bristow, S. W. Spear and W. A. G. Emerson, examined and passed.

Moved, that the preachers report to the Board of Finance, only what has been received in cash and in cash pledges. On motion it was laid on the table.

The character of T. N. Ralston, E. P. Buckner, W. H. Winter, W. T. Benton, J. R. Deering, S. L. Robestson, T. P. C. Shelman, B. F. Sedwick, J. Strother, J. C. Minor, J. A. Henderson, T. J. Godbey, T. F. Vanmeter, H. W. Abbott, D. Welburn, H. P. Walker, W. F. Taylor, P. H. Hoffman, R. Lancaster, C. W. Miller and P. E. Kavanaugh, was examined and passed.

The name of S. B. Hyman was called and it was announced that he had withdrawn.

Dr. Wm. E. Munsey of the Baltimore Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

John R. Deering was announced to preach in the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The name of W. H. Parker was called, and it was announced that he had died in peace during the year.

The Bishop tendered the thanks of the Conference to the local preachers, of the work served by Bro. Parker, for their kind attentions to his widow.

A resolution of the Lexington District Conference, recommending the calling of an Educational Convention of laymen to meet in Millersburg, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The character of G. W. Smith, G. S. Savage, W. B. Kavanaugh, J. Rand, H. H. Kavanaugh, Jr., E. L. Southgate, J. W. Wightman, W. D. Power, J. W. Fitch, H. R. Coleman, L. C. Waters, D. H. Marimon, J. C. Crow, E. Johnson, J. B. Locke and W. B. Landrum, was examined and passed.

The character of G. B. Poage was examined and passed, and he was continued in the relation of a supernumerary.

On motion the session was prolonged.

Bishop Pierce was introduced to the Conference.

The character of W. Bickers was examined and passed, and he obtained a superannuated relation.

Question 18th was taken up: *Who are Superannuated?*

The characters of Isaac Collard, T. R. Molone, J. C. Hardy, W. C. Atmore, L. C. Danley and J. Sandusky, were examined and passed, and they were continued in the superannuated relation.

The name of Peter Taylor was called, and it was announced that he had died in great peace.

Dr. Reed, of the Illinois Conference and Bro. Pearce, Bible Agent for Western Kentucky, were introduced to the Conference, which then adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

SEPT. 29, 1871.

Conference met at the usual hour, and after religious services by G. S. Savage, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair. Minutes read and approved.

The roll was called and the following brethren, not present before, answered to their names:

W. A. G. Emerson, B. F. Berkeley, J. J. Hunt.

Bishop Kavanaugh, Dr. Redford and T. G. Bosley, of the Louisville Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

In answer to the 6th Question: "*Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*" The Bishop announced the names of W. J. Snively, Anslem Minor and R. H. Reed, from the Illinois Conference, B. S. Robbins, from the St. Louis, and G. C. Kelly, from the Western Virginia Conferences.

10th Question was taken up: "*Who are admitted on Trial?*" Ans.—C. M. Humphrey, T. F. Talieferro, R. D. Poole, John Reeves, T. E. Burr, J. H. Hager and P. H. Fishburne, being duly recommended were admitted on

trial. Cornelius Foster was duly recommended and the case postponed for the present.

W. W. Chamberlain obtained leave of absence.

Dr. Haygood, Sunday School Secretary, was introduced to and addressed the Conference on the subject of Sunday Schools.

Bishop Kavanaugh took the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee on Education offered report No. 1.

The item recommending the calling of an Educational Convention of laymen at Millersburg was adopted.

The ratio of representation in said Convention was then taken up.

Moved, that it be two members from each Quarterly Conference. A substitute was offered, making the ratio one from each church. Both were laid on the table for the present.

The session was prolonged.

Bishop Wightman took the Chair.

Dr. Redford then addressed the Conference on our publishing interests.

It was announced that D. A. Beardsley would preach in the Methodist Church at 3 and R. H. Reed, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FOURTH DAY.

SEPT. 30, 1871.

Conference met at 8½ A. M. and after religious services by Prof. Arbogast, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

Question 2 was taken up: "*Who remain on Trial?*" The character of G. N. McMahon was examined and passed, and he was discontinued.

The character of J. H. Young and G. C. Overstreet was examined and passed, and they were continued on trial; the names of M. W. Hiner and M. D. Reynolds were laid over for the present.

The character of J. O. A. Vaught was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial, and transferred to the Western Virginia Conference.

The character of G. N. Buffington was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The character of R. J. Pollitt, J. A. Caywood and B. S. Robbins was examined and passed, and they were continued on trial.

The character of George Froh, a transfer from the Louisville Conference, was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial.

Question 4 was taken up: "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" J. N. Current, D. W. Robertson, H. R. Blaisdell, J. Holmes, S. S. Goodman and R. Hurt were called, and those appearing were suitably addressed and questioned by the Bishop according to the discipline.

The character of J. N. Current and D. W. Robertson was examined and passed, and they were admitted into full connection.

The name of H. R. Blaisdell was called, and the case not being clear, it was moved to refer it to the Presiding Elder of the Maysville District. A substitute was offered referring it to a committee, which was lost; the motion also was lost. Dr. Barnes was allowed to speak. After some little discussion, the vote by which the original motion was lost was reconsidered. The motion to refer to the Presiding Elder was renewed on the official statement of his Presiding Elder, that there were complaints against him, and the motion carried.

The character of J. Holmes was examined and passed, and he was admitted into full connection.

The character of S. S. Goodman was examined and passed and he was admitted to full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The character of R. Hurt was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial.

Dr. Prettyman was introduced to the Conference.

Question 12th was taken up: "*What Traveling Preachers are elected to Elder's orders?*" The character of D. B. G. Demaree was examined and passed, but not having been examined on the 4th year's studies, he was not elected.

The character of G. D. Turner was examined and passed, and he was elected.

Question 7th was taken up: “*Who are the Deacons of one year?*” The character of W. H. H. Ditzler was examined and passed.

Question 10th was taken up: “*What Local Preachers are elected Deacons?*” R. D. Allen, J. Hamilton, W. M. Crow and R. D. Poole being duly recommended, were elected.

William Beverly and Jesse Ball were not elected.

The session was prolonged.

Question 14th was taken up: “*What Local Preachers are elected Elders?*” W. J. Carson being duly recommended and certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of our church, was elected.

The following appointments for preaching were read:

SATURDAY.

Methodist Church.—At 3 P.M., W. McD. Abbott; at 7 P. M., Missionary Meeting.

SUNDAY.

Methodist Church.—11 A. M., Bishop Wightman, Ordination of Deacons; 3 o'clock, P. M., Sunday School Mass Meeting, J. Rand and others; 7 o'clock, P. M., Bishop Kavanaugh, Ordination of Elders.

New Presbyterian Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., C. W. Miller; 7 o'clock, P. M., Dr. Arbogast.

Old Presbyterian Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., Dr. T. N. Ralston; 7 o'clock, P. M., J. Ditzler.

Christian Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., Dr. H. A. M. Henderson; 7 o'clock, P. M., H. P. Walker.

Baptist Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., Dr. A. H. Redford; 7 o'clock, P. M., D. Welburn.

African M. E. Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., D. G. B. Demaree; 7 o'clock, P. M., I. T. Sams.

MILLERSBURG.

Methodist Church.—11 o'clock. A. M., Dr. Reed; 7 o'clock, P. M., T. J. Dodd.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN.

Methodist Church.—11 o'clock, A. M., W. J. Sniveley; 7 o'clock, P. M., F. W. Noland.

CYNTHIANA.

Methodist Church.—Morning and Night, Morris Evans J. W. Fitch obtained leave of absence. Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Oct. 2, 1871.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, and after religious services by C. W. Miller, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

Under Question 9, the Bishop announced that he ordained yesterday the following Traveling Deacons: G. A. Buffington, S. S. Goodman.

Under Question 11, he announced the ordination of the following Local Deacons yesterday: John Hamilton, R. D. Poole, R. D. Allen.

Under Question 13, he announced the name of G. D. Turner.

Question 1st *was resumed*. The case of C. Foster was taken up, and he was admitted on trial.

The case of W. Beverly, local, was reconsidered, and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 2nd *was resumed*. The character of M. D. Reynolds was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial.

The character of M. W. Hiner was examined and passed, and he was continued on trial, and required to complete the remaining studies of the year along with those of the next year.

S. Noland obtained a supernumerary relation.

G. W. Brush, of the Louisville Conference, and Elder Sweeny, of the Christian Church, Paris, Ky., were introduced to the Conference.

G. W. Brush addressed the Conference in behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, in the State of Kentucky.

Resolutions on the Widow' and Orphans' Home adopted by the Conference. (See Report A.)

J. R. Beckley obtained leave of absence.

The Committee on the Bible Cause offered their report which was adopted. (See Report B.)

The paper referring to the Educational Convention at Millersburg was taken up.

The substitute making one member from each church the ratio of representation, was adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported and the report was adopted. (See Report C.)

Bishop Kavanaugh took the Chair.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported. An amendment was offered; after some discussion the previous question was called, but the call was not sustained. On vote the amendment prevailed, and the report as amended adopted. (See Report D.)

J. Ditzler obtained leave of absence.

The Bishop was asked for a decision as to the constitutionality of the rule of apportionment, adopted by the Conference last year, for the government of the District Stewards in apportioning the claims of Presiding Elders, Missions, Superannuated and Bishops, on the several circuits and stations.

A motion to prolong the session was lost.

A motion that C. W. Miller and W. T. Poynter be appointed to present the views on each side, before the Bishop, touching the constitutionality of the rule in question, prevailed.

A motion for an afternoon session was lost.

G. W. Smith, G. S. Savage and W. T. Poynter obtained leave of absence.

It was announced that S. S. Deering would preach at the Methodist Church, at 3 P. M., and W. F. Taylor, at 7 P. M.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Oct. 3, 1871.

Conference met at the usual hour, and after religious services by T. N. Ralston, proceeded to business, Bishop Wightman in the Chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the names of the Board of Finance for the ensuing year: W. T. Poynter, J. Rand, G. W. Smith, S. L. Robertson, T. B. Cook, J. W. Wightman, L. C. Waters. Ministers: T. J. McIntyre, D. Thornton, E. J. Polk, J. R. Beckley, J. T. Sullivan, J. Staten, O. W. Burns, J. McNeill.

The Committee on Missions made their report; the fourth resolution was stricken out, and the report thus amended adopted. (See Report E.)

P. E. Kavanaugh was appointed to collect money for the publication of the minutes.

H. P. Walker was appointed a Committee to have the minutes published.

The Committees appointed last year to visit the Louisville and Millersburg Female Colleges, presented their reports, which were referred to the Committee on Education.

In answer to the 19th Question, the Committee on Memoirs presented their report, which was adopted, after suitable religious services had been held.

The Bishop rendered his decision on the constitutionality of the rule adopted by the Conference last year. (See No. 2.)

In order to secure half-fare rates over the railroads, the Secretary was instructed to sign certificates for those entitled to reduction of fare.

The Conference adopted a resolution giving to Miss Lorena Brown, of Fleming Co., a scholarship in the Kentucky Wesleyan University. (See No. 3.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society was recommitted for amendment.

The Bishop read a communication from Washington City, asking aid to pay the debts incurred by the church, in the erection of a new and commodious house of worship for Southern Methodists.

Pledges were given amounting to over \$750.

A resolution was adopted appointing President B. Arbogast, the Presiding Elder of the Millersburg District, and the stationed preacher of Millersburg to fix the time of holding the Educational Convention, and to make all other necessary arrangements not otherwise provided for.

The Bishop was requested to select the brother to preach a sermon on Missions at the next session of the Conference. He appointed B. Arbogast.

Bishop Kavanaugh took the Chair.

The Committee on Education offered report No. 2, which was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

The Bishop was requested to appoint the commission recommended in that report.

It was announced that J. Rand would preach at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The session was prolonged.

The 30th Question was taken up: "*Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*" Nicholasville, Harrodsburg, Winchester and Mt. Sterling were nominated, and Harrodsburg was chosen as the place.

The Bishop announced the following Visiting Committees: (See No. 4.)

A motion to adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M., prevailed, and the Conference then adjourned with the benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and after religious services by R. Hiner, proceeded to business, R. Hiner in the Chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The thanks of the Conference were tendered to the citizens of Paris for their hospitality, and to the various denominations of the city, for the use of their houses of worship.

The Joint Board of Finance offered the following, which was adopted. (See Report F.)

The amount subscribed by the Kentucky Conference on the old missionary debt being in part unpaid, Bro. Poynster proceeded to collect it on the Conference floor.

Bishop Wightman took the Chair.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

For distribution of the Conference Fund, (See Report G.)

The report on Statistics was adopted. (See Report H.)

The Bishop announced the commission to the Louisville Conference on educational interests: H. A. M. Henderson, B. Arbogast, W. F. Taylor.

Ranson Lancaster obtained a supernumerary relation.

The Bishop stated that the Joint Board of Finance had power to adjust all financial difficulties.

The Board of Education offered their report, which was adopted. (See Report G, 2.)

The Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society offered his report. Adopted. (See Report H, 2.)

Conference agreed to the motion to appoint a committee of five, to invest the funds of the Society as required by the charter.

Committee: T. F. Vanmeter, W. F. Taylor, D. Welburn, W. T. Poynter and S. L. Robertson.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society presented his report amended; it was adopted, and the balance in his hand, he was instructed to give to the most needy. (See Report I.)

H. A. M. Henderson, T. J. Dodd, W. McMiller and A. G. Stitt were elected to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education.

S. L. Robertson resigned, and C. W. Miller was elected a member of the Board in his place.

John Rodman was elected in place of Moreau Brown.

The Bishop was requested by the Conference to appoint W. F. Taylor Agent of the Board of Education.

By request of the Board of Education, Conference passed a resolution inviting the Agent to visit the various circuits and stations, and to make public collections at his pleasure.

Conference requested the Bishop to make the following appointments: W. B. Kavanaugh, Agent of Book and Tract Society; H. W. Abbott, to Carrollton High School; H. A. M. Henderson, Superintendent of Public Instruction; R. T. P. Allen, President of Kentucky Military Institute; B. Arbogast, President of Kentucky Wesleyan University.

John R. Deering was appointed on the Examining Committee for the first year.

Following Missionary appropriations were read: (See J.)

The appointments were read; they are as follows: (See App.)

The minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction.

Signed,

W. M. WIGHTMAN.

DECISIONS CALLED FOR.

A decision is asked upon the legality of the rule adopted by the last session of the Conference, found on page 23 of the minutes. Had the Conference the right under the Discipline to pass the resolution?

Sept. 29, 1871.

W. T. POYNTER,

Chairman Joint Board of Finance.

In my opinion the 7th item of Sec. 5, Chap. 9, of the Book of Discipline, empowering an Annual Conference "To adopt its own method of raising money to pay those who by the rules and usages of the church have claims upon it," has reference exclusively to the collections for the superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans, and for the Bishops. It follows that no Annual Conference has the right to pass mandatory resolutions interfering with the rights or duties of District Stewards, or the Stewards of Circuits and Stations, as laid down in Sections 1 and 2, of Chap. 9, of the Book of Discipline.

Paris, Ky. Oct. 3, 1871.

W. M. WIGHTMAN.

The discipline makes it the duty of the Board of District Stewards to assess and apportion the claim of the Presiding Elder. By the rule passed by the last Conference the power of assessing said claim was taken from the said District Board. Have the Joint Board of Finance the right to take the assessment thus made after the Bishop has decided said rule illegal, or to make an assessment?

C. W. MILLER.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Wesleyan University.—C. W. Miller, J. W. Wightman, S. W. Speer.

Millersburg Female College.—H. A. M. Henderson, J. C. Morris, G. T. Gould.

Kentucky Military Institute.—C. Taylor, J. Rand, D. A. Beardsley.

Shelbyville High School.—J. E. Letton, G. W. Smith, J. R. Deering.

Louisville Female College.—G. W. Merritt, S. L. Robertson.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lexington District.—E. P. BUCKNER, P. E.

Lexington—Joseph Rand.	Jessamine—W. D. Power.
Frankfort—T. J. Dodd.	Winchester—W. F. Noland.
Versailles and Mortonsville— D. A. Beardsley.	Ebenezer—E. L. Southgate.
Georgetown & Oxford—J. A. Henderson.	Greenwich—G. C. Kelley.
Nicholasville—J. R. Deering, S. Noland, Sup.	New Columbus—N. G. Rob- inson.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—H. A. M. Henderson.	Cedar Chapel—J. H. Young.
President Kentucky Military Institute—R. T. P. Allen.	Hardinsville—W. H. Winter.

Millersburg District.—JACOB DITZLER, P. E.

Millersburg—W. T. Poynter.	Oddville—P. E. Kavanaugh,
Paris—J. C. Morris.	R. Lancaster, sup.
N. Middletown & Mt. Zion— R. H. Read.	Ruddle's Mills—O. Long.
Mt. Sterling—M. Evans.	Irvingsville—J. C. Crow.
Frenchburg—to be sup. (by O. Sexton).	Sharpsburg and Bethel—H. R. Coleman.
Stanton—W. H. H. Ditzler.	Carlisle—S. S. Deering.
President Kentucky Wesleyan University—B. Arbogast.	Owingsville—M. W. Hiner.
Agent Kentucky Wesleyan University—W. F. Taylor.	

Harrodsburg District.—J. W. FITCH, P. E.

Harrodsburg—J. E. Letton.	Perryville Cir.—J. B. Locke.
Salvisa—W. C. Campbell.	Somerset—W. A. G. Emmerson.
Danville and Stanford—C. Taylor.	Lancaster & Crab Orchard— J. R. Pollitt.
Perryville & Maxville—G. W. Smith.	Bryantsville—J. Strother.
Parksville—to be sup. (by J. Hamilton).	Richmond—W. F. Vaughan, and one to be sup.
Chaplin and Mt. Zion—G. D. Turner.	Irvine—S. S. Goodman.
	Lawrenceburg—C. M. Hum- phrey.

Shelbyville District.—T. N. RALSTON, P. E.

Shelbyville—D. B. Cooper.	Simpsonv'e—S. L. Robertson.
Shelby cir.—J. C. Minor.	Newcastle—T. F. Vanmeter.
Taylorsville—W. T. Benton.	Bedford—B. F. Sedwick.
Bloomfield and Beech Fork— W. J. Snively.	Milton—G. Froh.
Floydsburg—G. W. Merritt.	Springport—B. C. Robbins.
Lagrange—W. McD. Abbott.	Jacksonville—J. Holmes.

Covington District—D. WELBURN, P. E.

Covington—H. P. Walker.	Verona—B. F. Bristow.
Newport—S. X. Hall.	Williamstown—G. C. Over-
Cynthiana—C. W. Miller.	street,
Carrollton—T. J. Godbey.	Falmouth—G. N. Buffington.
Burlington—W. B. Godbey, and one to be sup.	Mt. Pleasant—W.T. Rowland.
Warsaw—T. B. Cook.	Alexandria and Foster—D.
Independence—T. F. Talia- ferro.	W. Robertson, J. Reeves.
Book and Tract Agent—W. B. Kavanaugh.	Owen—to be sup. (by W. H.
Agent American Bible Society—G. S. Savage.	Quisenberry).
Principal Carrollton High School—H. W. Abbott.	

Maysville District—R. HINER, P. E.

Maysville—G. T. Gould.	Flemingsburg—J. W. Wight- man.
East Maysville—to be sup.	Poplar Plains—P.H. Hoffman.
Washington and Germantown —H. H. Kavanaugh, Jr.	Vanceburg—M. D. Reynolds.
Brookville and Augusta—S. W. Speer, G. B. Poage, Sup.	Tilton—W. W. Chamberlain.
Shannon and Sardis—T. P. C. Shellman.	Orangeburg—J. H. Caywood.
Mt. Olivet—D. G. B. Demaree.	Concord—D. H. Marimon.
	Minerva and Dover—R. D. Poole.

West Liberty District—E. JOHNSON, P. E.

West Liberty—J. N. Current.	Whitesburg—to be sup. (by J. Banian).
Morehead—L. C. Waters.	Piketon—T. E. Burr.
Campton—C. Foster.	Prestonsburg—J. H. Hagar.
Jackson—to be sup.	Salyersville—R. Hurt.
Hazzard—to be sup.	

Barboursville District—W. B. LANDRUM, P. E.

Barboursville & Williamsb'g —to be sup. (by J.S.Kelly).	Manchester—to be sup. (by T. Burkitt).
Pineville—to be sup.	London & Bethel—to be sup. (by W. Cox).
Mt. Pleasant—to be sup. (by S. Pope).	Pulaski—to be sup. (by W. J. Carson).
Booneville—to be sup.	

Transferred.

J. O. A. Vaught, to Western Virginia Conference, and
stationed at Catlettsburg.
P. H. Fishburne, to W. Virginia Conference, Junior
Preacher on Liberty and Grayson Circuit.
A. Minor, to Little Rock Conference.

APPENDIX.

(No. 1.)

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee of the whole, on the subject of education, beg leave to report the following action :

The Committee had before it a resolution from the Lexington District Conference, requesting that the Annual Conference call an Educational Convention, to be held at Millersburg, sometime the ensuing summer, which, after having been duly considered, the following was adopted :

Resolved, 1st, That the Kentucky Annual Conference call a Methodist Educational Convention, of the State of Kentucky and Western Virginia, to meet at Millersburg at such time as the Conference may determine, and that it be composed exclusively of laymen, and that the ratio of representation be fixed by the Conference.

Resolved, 2d, That the Louisville and Western Virginia Conferences be requested to send delegates to this Convention, on the ratio of representation adopted by this Conference, or such other basis of representation as they may respectively elect.

Resolved, 3d, That the Secretary of this Annual Conference be directed to communicate the action upon this subject to the aforesaid Conferences, and request their cooperation.

H. A. M. HENDERSON, *Chairman.*

(No. 2.)

EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have had our educational interests before us, and we find occasion for gratification in the condition and prospects of the institutions, under our fostering care, concerning which we have official information.

THE KENTUCKY WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Gives much promise to the Church, of future usefulness. The commencement exercises, last June, were largely attended by audiences enthusiastic in their expressions of approval of all that occurred. The discipline is admirably executed for the preservation of order, and the instruction is thorough and satisfactory.

Professor A. G. Murphy, acting President, during the last Academic year, proved himself a most judicious and efficient

executive officer, fulfilling his onerous duties with great affability, and at a considerable expense of personal sacrifice. He is entitled to the thanks of this Conference for the able manner in which he performed the duties of presiding officer of the faculty.

The election of Rev. Benj. Arbogast, A. M., to the Presidency, and the happy auspices which attended his inauguration are matters of congratulation to the friends of the University. Already distinguished as an educator, organizer and disciplinarian, he brings to his office the *prestige* of a name honored in the Educational history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Under his administration we have everything to hope for, as related to the future career of this institution.

The accession of Professor John Darby, A. M., to the chair of Natural Sciences, adds valuable strength to the corps of instruction.

The Faculty of the College is thoroughly organized, and all the facilities of instruction are now offered to be found in first class collegiate institutions. Profs. Murphy, Theis and Brown remain—a fact that furnishes occasion for additional cheer.

THE MILLERSBURG FEMALE COLLEGE,

Under the accomplished Presidency of Judge Wm. H. Savage, A. M., has enjoyed a year of encouraging prosperity, and has opened the current session with increased promise of benefit to the cause of consecrated education. It gives no mean presage of furnishing the church, within our bounds, with all the facilities required to fit our daughters for intelligent society; to become "as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

The principal has that peculiar grace of manner and delicate appreciation of the fine sensibilities of woman, which eminently fit him for the position which he not only fills with honor, but adorns. The teachers are qualified and selected, by the discriminating principal, with special regard to their aptitude to instruct the female mind. The Boarding Department is conducted in such a manner as not only to afford a pleasant home for the pupils, but, also, to impress them in such a way as to prepare them for the appreciation of good housewifery.

The Chairman of your committee had the pleasure of being present during the examination and commencement exercises, and as a member of your visiting committee, to critically observe the proficiency of the pupils, and he has no hesitation in saying that he has never witnessed a more gratifying exhibition, on a similar occasion.

We, therefore, unreservedly commend the Millersburg Female College to the patronage of our people, in the confident expectation that our representations will be fully verified by all who, experimentally, test their accuracy.

THE LOUISVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE,

Under the Presidency of the Rev. Dr. Prettyman, is every way worthy of public confidence, and we cheerfully commend it to the favor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

THE SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

The Committee having had before it a resolution from the Shelbyville District Conference, pertaining to the provision of some means for the education of worthy, indigent young men, seeking scholastic advantages, after considering the matter,

Resolved, 1st, That this Conference refer the subject to the respective District Conferences, for their action in the premises, and if the suggestion is adopted, to assess the amount proposed to be raised, and refer it to the meeting of the District Stewards for an equitable distribution of the gross amount to the several charges composing the District.

Resolved, 2d, That a Central Committee, appointed by the District Conference, shall meet and decide upon the claims of those who may apply for the benefit of this fund.

THE UNION OF THE KENTUCKY AND LOUISVILLE ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN THE OWNERSHIP OF THE KENTUCKY WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Committee in considering the interest of the "Kentucky Wesleyan University" determined to recommend to the Conference the propriety of an immediate proposal for a coequal and unqualified partnership of the Louisville Annual Conference in the institution, and that a Commission of three be appointed to attend the approaching session of said Conference, to invite them to such a union of interests. If this suggestion should be approved by the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences, we propose the formation of a joint Board of Education, and the opening of one field to the Agent who may be subsequently appointed to canvass for the further endowment of the University.

H. A. M. HENDERSON, *Chairman.*

(“A.”)

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

In view of the history and present condition of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, of the M. E. Church, South, in the State of Kentucky, as presented to us by Rev. G. W. Brush, of the Louisville Conference, and as contained in the Charter, By-Laws and Rules of Order, which he has presented to this Conference; we ask leave to present the following:

1st. That the Kentucky Annual Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, receive with pleasure the information thus furnished, in regard to the organization of an institution in said Church, so inseparable from the principles, duties and practices of the Christian Religion.

2nd. That the organization, by order of the managers, of the Ladies' Department of the “The Widows' and Orphans' Home,” indicates to us the wisdom of said Board, and will, under God, go far, we doubt not, to insure the final success of the noble enterprise.

3d. That this Conference will, with gratitude to God, for the existence of such institutions in our land, cooperate with the Louisville Annual Conference in its patronage of the “Widows' and Orphans' Home,” of the M. E. Church, South, in the State of Kentucky.

Signed,

ROBT. HINER,
T. F. VANMETER,
D. WELBURN,
C. W. MILLER.

(“B.”)

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Perhaps there has been no period of time since the Reformation, that the Bible has been so much loved and so much hated, as at the present. But the Bible divinely inspired of God, and well authenticated to man, has nothing to fear from the exhibitions of this hatred, yet evidently this is no time for supineness or indifference; this hatred has developed overt opposition, and should be promptly met by all the lovers of God's Word.

The Bible has a mission to fulfil, doing its own appropriate work; God has given the Bible for the whole world, and God has strangely opened up the whole world for the dissemination of the Bible, thus throwing a solemn responsibility upon the Church.

The American Bible Society presents facilities, on a grand scale, for giving the Bible to man universally; publishing the common accepted version of the scriptures, without note or comment, in fifty-eight different languages; selling all its publications at cost, and making the book of God the cheapest book in the world, and having all the machinery in successful operation, through its thousands of auxiliaries and depositories; through its agents and canvassers, at home and abroad.

Besides the Society is now engaged in a thorough canvass of the whole country. This is done by states and counties.

About three-fourths of our state has been explored, with the following results:

Families visited,.....	80,815.
“ found destitute,.....	21,352.
Destitute families supplied,.....	9,854.

There are some remarkable features connected with this home work. About eight hundred families of Romanists have been supplied with our Bible; the placing the Scriptures on our Railroads, furnishing Poor and Alms Houses, Orphans' and Widows' Homes, Mission Sunday Schools, etc.

This good work is still in progress.

In conclusion your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. That we heartily endorse the American Bible Society and its noble work, and cordially welcome its authorized agents.
2. That as members of the Conference, we will preach to each of our congregations, on the Bible, and the importance of searching the Holy Scriptures, and take annual collections in those congregations not visited by the General Agents.
3. That we recognise with pleasure the efficient services of our Agent, Dr. G. S. Savage, and request our Presiding Bishop to appoint him to this position.

G. S. SAVAGE, Chairman.

(C.)

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Resolved, 1st, That we instruct, in accordance with the discipline, all our preachers to organize denominational Sabbath Schools in all churches where it is possible to do so, on purely Methodistical principles. In order to do this effectually,

Resolved, 2d, That we adopt in all our schools, (1) the Lesson papers; (2) Teachers' Magazine; (3) the Sunday School Visitor and Our Little People, published by Dr. Redford at Nashville, and edited by Dr. Haygood.

Resolved, 3d, That we disapprove of, and protest against, the

practice of purchasing Sabbath School books of other imprints than our own, and that we will always endeavor to secure our Sabbath School literature from our own publishing houses.

Resolved, 4th, That we recommend the holding of a Sabbath School Convention in every county in our bounds, at a convenient time, during the coming year, to which all earnest Sabbath School workers shall be cordially invited. The object of said convention to be the securing a more hearty co-operation of the friends of this important work.

J. RAND, *Chairman.*

(D.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The injunction of the Apostle Paul to Timothy "*Give attendance to reading,*" was never more needed by the Church than at present. An essay might be profitably written on this subject, but Conference reports are desired to be short.

A most deplorable ignorance of the word of God prevails in many households, even where Bibles are found, because they are seldom, if ever, carefully read.

The few good books that are occasionally met with, in some families considered religious, are often suffered to lie unopened for years, while trashy novels and newspaper tales are eagerly devoured.

The only periodicals, in many instances, are magazines profusely illustrated with pictures of ever-changing and ridiculous fashions, which tend to foster a vain and foolish love of display, that falls like blight and mildew on piety, and the treasury of the Lord is defrauded to gratify a depraved taste. Thus results a wicked extravagance in dress and adornment, while all the enterprises of the church are allowed to languish and decline.

Some will take one or two secular papers, mainly to keep themselves informed of the state of the market, but persistently refuse, saying they can not afford, to subscribe for a religious weekly, which chronicles the progress of the church and its efforts for the conversion of the world.

Consequently the children in such families grow up in ignorance of those things which they most need to know. It is not surprising then, that they are indifferent to the church, and unconcerned about their own salvation.

For the want of suitable religious reading, the Lord's day is often spent in frivolous gossip and idle visiting, greatly to the detriment of growth in a religious life.

To meet this want there is an abundant supply. To say nothing of many other valuable works issued by our publish-

ing house, Redford's "*History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South,*" is highly interesting, and should be most extensively circulated. Dr. Ralston's "*Elements of Divinity,*" in its greatly enlarged and improved form, has now become a standard work of permanent value. So also are the following works, by two other members of our own Conference, the "*Ditzler-Wilkes Debate,*" and those admirable little treatises on "*Baptismal Regeneration*" and "*Points of Controversy*" by Rev. C. W. Miller, A. M.

The annual exhibit of the Book Agent shows a most encouraging improvement in the condition of our Publishing interests during the past year, notwithstanding the unusual financial depression throughout the country. We again congratulate Dr. Redford on his success.

The Nashville "*Christian Advocate,*" to be still further enlarged and improved in form, claims, under its learned, indefatigable and veteran editor, as our recognised organ, our first and heartiest support. Nor can we too highly commend the "*Sunday School Magazine,*" "*Sunday School Visitor,*" "*Our Little People,*" the "*Lesson Papers*" and, as a Sunday School singing book, "*The Amaranth,*" all as model publications in their department. We urge their introduction into all our Sunday Schools and families.

We sincerely regret to learn that the "*New Monthly*" is not succeeding according to anticipations, and hope that before the close of the year, the subscription list will be so increased as to justify the Agent in continuing its publication.

The "*St. Louis Christian Advocate*" is cordially recommended to the patronage of our people. With the late addition of the vigorous pen of Dr. Bond to its columns, it is edited with unsurpassed ability.

The "*Southern Review,*" under the editorial charge of the distinguished Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, has already taken its place in the very front ranks of great quarterlies, not only in this country but in Europe. Its merits can not be too highly extolled, nor can we too strongly urge its extensive circulation. It also comes from the press of the South-Western Publishing Company, and is issued in the finest style of typographical art.

It gives us pleasure still to welcome to our territory the weekly advent of the "*Baltimore Episcopal Methodist,*" It deserves, and we trust will receive, an enlarged patronage.

Various improvements are promised in the "*Methodist Miscellany,*" published at Covington, and it will, more than ever, merit our continued support. Let it be encouraged.

The following resolution was on motion added to the Report:

Resolved, By the Kentucky Annual Conference, that the South-Western Publishing Company be requested to place in the cities of Lexington and Covington a case containing samples of all the Sunday School books, approved by our Sunday School Secretary, that selections may be made and books ordered from those samples.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

(E.)

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Whereas our Missionary Anniversaries have in many instances been conducted in a spirit of levity, and on the superficial plan of merely appealing to our sympathies as aroused or excited for the moment, and not on the true plan of an intelligent conviction of duty, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly protest against and disapprove of the manner in which so many of our Missionary Meetings are conducted, and request that hereafter they be conducted in a way calculated to instruct our people in the details of our work, and the uses to which our means are appropriated, so as to inspire both confidence and a holy enlightened zeal for the cause.

The command of our Lord to go and preach the gospel to every creature, is imperative upon the Church.

If true to this commission, she must go into "regions beyond" proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ to a dying world; make war upon the powers of darkness; pull down the strongholds of sin and Satan; send forth the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to all who sit in the region and shadow of death; and unfurl the standard of the Cross to every breeze.

Are we as a denomination of Christians doing our whole duty in this direction? The fact that with a membership of over half a million, only \$88,673 61 have been laid upon the Altar of sacrifice the past year to evangelize the nations, (less than twenty cents to the member) should arouse the conscience of every Southern Methodist, and stimulate to renewed zeal in this great work.

Resolved, That each Church appoint one of its members whose special duty it shall be to see each member, and receive his contribution to missions.

Resolved, That the preacher be required to preach at each of his appointments upon the subject of Missions, preliminary to the taking up of the collection in each particular Church.

Resolved, That one of our number be elected to deliver a sermon on Missions at our next session.

Resolved, That the editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate be requested to appropriate a small space weekly, in the Advocate, for the publication of statistics and facts in regard to the Christian Missions of the world.

(I.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

W. W. CHAMBERLAIN,

	In account with Missionary Society, Dr.	Missions.	Past Dues.
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LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

	H. A. M. Henderson.....	\$27 00	
Lexington.....	T. J. Dodd.....	146 38	
Frankfort.....	D. A. Beardsley.....	70 00	
Versailles & Mortonsville.....	S. Noland.....		
Georgetown.....	W. T. Poynter.....	130 00	12 00
Millersburg.....	F. W. Noland.....	40 00	15 00
Winchester.....	Orson Long.....	21 00	
Greenwich.....	T. B. Cook.....	49 00	
Oxford.....	N. Middletown and Mt. Zion.....	Charles Taylor.....	130 00
Paris.....	J. C. Morris.....	95 00	10 00
Cedar Chapel.....	J. H. Young.....		
Mt. Sterling.....	D. B. Cooper.....	110 00	6 00
Ebenezer.....	W. T. Rowland.....	48 00	
		<hr/> 866 38	<hr/> 43 00
	Total.....	\$909 38	

HARRODSBURG DISTRICT.

	J. E. Letton.....	70 00	20 00
Harrodsburg.....	S. S. Deering.....	74 50	
Salvisa.....	W. C. Campbell.....	4 00	
Lawrenceburg.....	C. T. Widney.....	15 00	
Perryville.....	G. D. Turner.....	6 00	
Perryville Circuit.....	W. B. Godbey.....	20 00	5 00
Maxville.....	G. T. Gould.....	62 50	10 00
Danville.....	M. D. Reynolds.....		
Stanford.....	N. G. Robinson.....	32 00	3 00
Somerset.....	R. Hiner.....	60 00	
Nicholasville.....	W. W. Chamberlain.....	15 00	
Jessamine.....	B. F. Bristow.....	25 00	
Richmond.....	S. W. Speer.....	2 00	
Lancaster and Crab Orchard....	W. A. G. Emmerson.....	7 25	
Bryantsville.....		<hr/> 393 25	<hr/> 38 00
	Total.....	\$431 25	

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

	E. P. Buckner.....	86 90	13 60
Shelbyville.....	W. H. Winter.....	40 00	8 50
Shelby Circuit.....	W. T. Benton.....	91 65	
Taylorsville.....	J. R. Deering.....	93 61	8 65
Bloomfield.....	S. L. Robertson.....	38 50	3 50
Lagrange.....	T. P. C. Shellman.....	38 50	3 60
Floydsburg.....	B. F. Sedwick.....	15 00	
Bedford.....	J. Strother.....	36 00	3 00
Milton.....	J. C. Miner.....	28 00	8 10
New Castle.....	J. A. Henderson.....	40 00	
Simpsonville.....	J. Holmes.....		
Jacksonville Mission.....	W. Quisenberry.....	22 75	
Springport.....	T. J. Godbey.....	17 00	
Carrolton		<hr/> 577 91	<hr/> 48 85
	Total.....	\$626 76	

COVINGTON DISTRICT.			
Covington.....	H. P. Walker.....	67 50	7 50
Newport.....	W. F. Taylor.....	30 91	3 44
Mt. Pleasant and Dayton.....	J. O. A. Vaught.....	18 00	2 00
Alexandria.....	P. H. Hoffman.....	18 00	2 00
Falmouth.....	D. W. Robertson.....	14 08	1 57
Independence	G. N. Buffington.....	18 20	2 00
Oddville.....	R. Lancaster.....	9 00	1 00
Cynthiana.....	C. W. Miller.....	54 00	6 00
Warsaw	S. B. Hyman.....		
Owen	D. G. B. Demaree.....	29 70	3 30
Williamstown	P. E. Kavanaugh.....	32 49	3 61
Verona.....	G. C. Overstreet.....	19 35	2 15
Burlington.....	G. W. Smith.....	49 50	5 50
New Columbus.....	W. H. Parker.....	13 68	1 52
Ruddle's Mill & Mt. Gerizem.....	V. C. Cummins.....	6 30	70
		380 71	42 29
	Total.....	\$423 00	

MAYSVILLE DISTRICT.			
Maysville	J. Rand.....	78 50	10 00
East Maysville.....	H. R. Blaisdell.....		
Washington & Germantown.....	H. H. Kavanaugh.....	21 75	
Brooksville and Augusta.....	E. L. Southgate.....	50 00	
Shannon and Sardis.....	J. W. Wightman.....	30 00	
Mt. Olivet.....	W. D. Power.....	15 00	
Flemingsburg.....	J. W. Fitch.....	20 00	7 00
Tilton	J. Pollitt.....	44 40	6 00
Carlisle	Wm. Bickers.....	24 25	10 00
Sharpsburg and Bethel.....	H. R. Coleman.....	6 00	10 00
Owingsville.....	M. W. Hiner.....		
Poplar Plains & Hillsboro.....	L. G. Waters.....	40 00	5 50
Orangeburg.....	J. N. Currant.....	20 00	
Vanceburg.....	D. H. Marimon.....	20 00	5 00
Minerva and Dover.....	W. H. H. Ditzler.....	5 00	
Irvinsville.....	J. C. Crow.....	1 00	
Foster	J. H. Caywood.....	6 90	4 00
		382 80	57 50
	Total.....	\$440 30	
	Grand Total from Districts.....	2,830 69	
	Annual Dues from Preachers.....	77 00	
	Amount at Anniversary.....	405 93	
	Special Donation by J. N. Buffington...	5 00	
		\$3,318 62	

CREDITS.

By amount paid J. B. McFerrin by J. R. Deering.....	\$10 00
" " " A. H. Redford, 40 per ct.....	1,209 45
" " " S. W. Speer On past dues.....	27 00
" " " J. Holmes	54 00
" " " T. G. Bosley	134 25
" " " E. Johnson	429 40
" " " I. T. Sams	54 00
" " " J. B. Locke	54 00
" " " S. S. Goodman by D. B. C.	25 00
" " " S. S. Goodman	29 00
" " " C. Foster	54 00
" " " S. P. Chandler	40 75
" " " W. B. Landrum	322 19
" " " D. G. B. Demaree	80 60
" " " G. C. Overstreet	80 60
" " " W. Turner	27 00
" " " J. Burkitt	54 00
" " " S. Pope	54 00
" " " W. Cox	107 40
" " " W. J. Carson	54 00
" " " J. S. Kelly	94 00
" " " J. Banion, Whitesburg	54 00
	\$3,053 14

By amount paid G. W. Merritt	On past dues.....	24 85
" " " W. P. Vaught	" " "	6 25
" " " J. Hamilton	" " "	6 25
" " " Aselm Miner	" " "	12 30
" " " W. W. Chamberlain	" " "	43 45
" " " Peter Conway	" " "	6 25
" " " S. P. Chandler	" " "	6 25
" " " N. G. Robinson	" " "	9 44
" " " R. Hurt	" " "	6 25
" " " J. Banion	" " "	12 30
" " " R. W. Landrum	" " "	6 25
" " " I. T. Sams	" " "	12 30
" " " B. F. Bristow	" " "	15 55
" " " W. H. Parker	" " "	6 25
" " " T. G. Bosley	" " "	30 90
" " " T. J. Mercer	" " "	12 30
" " " S. B. Gossitt	" " "	6 25
" " " G. P. Brown	" " "	6 25
		\$264 80

Total Debits.....\$3,318 62

Total Credits.....\$3,318 28

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.

(J.)

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

MILLERSBURG DISTRICT.		
Stanton.....	\$100 00	
Frenchburg.....	100 00	
Irvinsville.....	50 00	
		250 00
HARRODSBURG DISTRICT.		
Somerset.....	100 00	
Crab Orchard.....	100 00	
		200 00
SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.		
Jacksonville		200 00
COVINGTON DISTRICT.		
Verona.....	300 00	
Owen.....	150 00	
		450 00
WEST LIBERTY DISTRICT.		
West Liberty.....	800 00	
Moorhead.....	75 00	
Campton.....	300 00	
Jackson.....	100 00	
Hazzard.....	75 00	
Whitesburg.....	75 00	
Salyersville.....	100 00	
		1,625 00
BARBOURSVILLE DISTRICT.		
Barboursville and Williamsburg.....	500 00	
Pineville.....	200 00	
Mt. Pleasant.....	50 00	
Manchester.....	100 00	
London and Bethel.....	50 00	
Pulaski and Fishing Creek.....	100 00	
Booneville	150 00	
		1,250 00
Total.....	\$3,975 00	

ASSESSMENTS ON THE DISTRICTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS.

For Missions in the Kentucky Conference.....	\$3,975 00
For the Board of Missions, at Nashville.....	2,650 00
	6,625 00

Of which we ask from

Lexington District.....	1,300 00
Shelbyville District.....	1,125 00
Covington District.....	1,050 00
Millersburg District.....	1,050 00
Harrodsburg District.....	1,050 00
Maysville District.....	1,050 00
	6,625 00

To pay old Claims.

Lexington	120 00
Shelbyville	110 00
Covington.....	100 00
Millersburg.....	100 00
Harrodsburg.....	100 00
Maysville.....	100 00
	630 00

Paris, Ky., Oct. 3, 1871.

Approved, W. M. WIGHTMAN.

(G.)

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

STATIONS AND PASTORS.	Preachers' Claim.	Receipts.	P. E.'s Claims.	Receipts.	Conference Collection.	Bishops' Receipts.
LEXINGTON DIST., G. W. Merritt, P. E.						
Lex., H. A. M. Henderson.....	\$1,900	\$1,830 00	\$168 00	\$150 00	\$68 00	\$40 00
Frankfort, T. J. Dodd.....	2,000	2,000 00	210 00	210 00	100 00	51 00
Ver. & Mort., D. A. Beardsley..	1,300	1,300 00	130 00	130 00	40 00	20 00
Georgetown, S. Nolan.....	600	600 00	84 00	84 00	.....	.....
Millersburg, W. T. Poynter....	1,400	1,400 00	150 00	150 00	48 00	34 00
Winchester, F. W. Noland.....	800	800 00	80 00	80 00	30 00	20 00
Greenwich, O. Long.....	660	519 00	65 00	65 00	20 00	15 00
Oxford, T. B. Cook.....	650	650 00	60 00	60 00	18 00	12 50
N. Mid't'n & Mt. Zion, C. Taylor	1,400	1,200 00	137 50	120 00	45 00	30 00
Paris, J. C. Morris.....	1,400	1,400 00	168 00	168 00	70 00	30 00
Cedar Chapel.....	400	400 00	46 00	46 00	.....	.....
Mt. Sterling, D. B. Cooper.....	1,400	1,400 00	157 00	157 00	65 00	25 00
Ebenezer, W. T. Rowland.....	600	600 00	56 29	56 29	20 00	10 00
Total.....	\$14,510	14,099 00	1,511 79	1,451 29	524 00	287 60
HAR'DBURG DIST., M. Evans, P. E.						
Harrodsburg, J. E. Letton.....	1,100	1,100 00	110 00	110 00	24 00	16 00
Salvisa, S. S. Deering.....	700	625 50	100 00	87 60	6 10	1 90
Lawrence'b'g, W. C. Campbell.....	1,000	.....	100 00	35 30	4 90	4 00
Perryville, C. T. Widney.....	800	.....	100 00	68 75	5 00	.....
Perryville Circ't, G. D. Turner	500	263 00	100 00	76 60	.....	.....
Maxville, W. B. Godbey.....	650	650 00	85 00	85 00	3 00	2 00
Danville, G. T. Gould.....	1,000	1,000 00	100 00	100 00	21 00	14 00
Stanford, M. D. Reynolds.....	600	600 00	100 00	100 00	5 00	14 50
Somerset, N. G. Robinson.....	700	557 85	60 00	45 00	3 00	4 00
Nicholasville, R. Hiner.....	1,500	1,360 00	175 00	145 70	30 90	25 00
Jessamine, W. W. Chamberlain	900	761 25	120 00	115 00	15 00	6 00
Richmond, B. F. Bristow.....	900	836 00	130 00	100 50	7 00	3 00
Lancast'r & C.Orch., S. W. Speer	1,000	89 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bryantsv', W. A. G. Emmerson	800	574 00	120 00	50 00	5 00	.....
Total.....	\$12,150	8,416 60	1,408 00	1,119 45	109 90	90 40
SHELBYVILLE DIST., T. N. Ralston						
Shelbyville, E. P. Buckner.....	1,200	1,200 00	176 00	176 00	68 00	40 00
Taylorsville, W. T. Benton.....	910	860 00	110 00	100 00	42 50	25 00
Shelby Circuit, W. H. Winter.	1,000	820 00	110 10	100 00	25 50	26 00
Bloomfield, J. R. Deering.....	1,300	1,022 70	150 00	118 00	43 25	25 11
Lagrange, S. L. Robertson.....	800	700 00	67 65	67 65	17 50	10 50
Floydsburg, T. P. C. Shelman	1,000	1,000 00	66 00	66 00	25 00	15 00
Bedford, B. F. Sedwick.....	700	700 00	82 00	76 25	10 00	5 80
Milton, J. Strother.....	600	473 00	83 00	65 00	15 50	13 50
New Castle, J. C. Minor.....	950	832 25	104 50	91 50	20 90	23 75
Simpsonville, J. A. Henderson	1,000	925 00	110 00	100 00	40 00	20 00
Jacksonville, J. Holmes.....	500	261 00	44 00	36 80	2 00	2 00
Springport, W. H. Quisenberry	600	498 25	88 00	86 00	.....	.....
Carrollton, T. J. Godbey.....	.....	850 00	110 00	60 00	28 00	16 50
Total.....	\$10,560	10,142 20	1,301 15	1,143 20	338 15	223 16

COVINGTON DIST., D. Welburn.

Covington, H. P. Walker.....	2,500	1,693 00	325 00	225 00	75 00	30 60
Newport, W. F. Taylor.....	1,500	1,000 00	.....	.....	39 97	18 63
Mt Pleasant, J. O. A. Vaught...	420	420 00	65 10	63 50	15 00	4 35
Alexandria, P. H. Hoffman.....	700	439 75	108 50	62 25	23 80	10 00
Falmouth, D. W. Robertson....	465	201 25	72 13	44 50	6 35	3 60
Oddville, R. Lancaster.....	700	415 00	108 50	84 20	14 45	10 00
Independence, John Reeves...	450	276 19	69 75	43 27	8 20	4 90
Cynthiana, C. W. Miller.....	2,000	1,600 00	310 00	150 00	30 00	40 00
Ruddle's Mill and Mt. Gerizem,						
Veitch Cummins.....	150	150 00	31 00	31 00	4 00	4 00
Warsaw, S.B. Hyman, H.W. Abbott	700	646 50	108 50	100 00	9 40	8 00
Owen, D. G. B. Demaree.....	500	500 00	93 00	70 00	12 00	9 00
Williamstown, P.E. Kavanaugh	800	370 00	124 00	65 00	14 65	8 35
Burlington, G. W. Smith.....	850	768 60	131 00	115 70	25 00	15 00
Verona, G. C. Overstreet.....	450	150 00	.....	.....	5 20	2 90
New Columbus, W. H. Parker.	625	.....	96 88	.....	5 40	3 25
Total.....	\$11,960	8,330 29	1,643 36	1,054 42	288 42	172 58

MAYSVILLE DIST., Wm.B. Kavanaugh, P.E.

Maysville, J. Rand.....	1,450	1,450 00	.....	.....	30 00	22 00
East Maysville, H.R. Blaisdell .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash't'n & Germantown, H.H. Kavanaugh.....	700	641 00	100 00	64 00	22 00	10 00
Brookville and Augusta, E. L. Southgate.....	850	632 60	100 00	84 00	35 00	20 00
Shannon and Sardis, J. W. Wightman	900	800 00	100 00	80 00	15 00	5 00
Mt. Olivet, W. D. Power.....	800	725 00	85 00	54 00	15 00	7 00
Flemingsburg, J. W. Fitch.....	1,200	900 00	110 00	75 00	15 00	15 00
Tilton, R. J. Pollitt.....	400	270 00	.....	.....	17 50	10 60
Carlisle, Wm. Bickers.....	1,000	515 00	.....	.....	12 00	7 00
Sharpsburg & Bethel, H. R. Coleman	1,000	652 15	100 00	66 55	25 39	10 00
Owingsville, W. M. Hiner.....	500	500 00	50 00	.....	5 00	1 30
Pop'r P. & Hillb'ro, L.C. Waters	800	698 00	100 00	85 17	15 00	6 00
Orangeburg, J. N. Current.....	580	380 00	60 00	40 00	15 00	10 00
Vanceburg, D. M. Marimon.....	600	440 10	85 00	68 00	10 00	5 00
Minerva & Dover, W.H.H. Ditzler	300	165 35	6 00	6 00	10 00	5 00
Irvineville, J. C. Crow.....	200	112 00	20 00	13 00	1 00	1 00
Foster, J. A. Caywood.....	200	200 00	.....	.....	6 00	4 00
Total.....	\$11,480	9,081 20	916 00	635 72	248 80	138 90

WEST LIBERTY DIST.

West Liberty, S. S. Goodman....	150	127 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton, Mission, I. T. Sams.....	300	196 40	12 00	12 00	.....	.....
Irvine, I. T. Sams.....	300	146 30	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Campton Mission, J. Locke.....	600	92 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....
Prestonsburg, W. Arrowwood....		170 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....
Piketon.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitesburg.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morehead .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Total..... \$1,350 732 20 32 00 42 00

Interest on Funds Preachers Aid Society \$197 10.

BARBOURSVILLE DIST.

Barboursville		30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....		5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester		30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Booneville .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London & Bethel.....		100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fishing Creek.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Total..... \$165 00

RECAPITULATION:

Lexington District.....	14,510	14,099 00	1,500 00	1,451 29	524 00	287 00
Harrodsburg District.....	12,150	8,416 60	1,400 00	1,119 35	129 90	90 40
Shelbyville District.....	10,560	10,142 20	1,300 00	1,160 00	338 15	223 16
Covington District.....	11,960	8,330 29	2,000 00	1,054 42	288 42	172 58
Maysville District.....	11,480	9,081 00	1,200 00	635 72	248 80	138 90
West Liberty District.....	1,350	732 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barboursville District.....		165 00

Grand Total..... \$61,610 50,566 49 6,486 30 5,446 08 1529 27 912 54

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**DISTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS
FOR PAST YEAR.**

S. A. Latta.....	\$74 59.....	given.....	H. P. Walker
Mrs. G. Kelly.....	74 59.....	".....	Gilby Kelly
J. M. Johnson's children.....	74 59.....	".....	D. Welburn
J. C. Hardy.....	111 89.....	".....	Self
I. Collard.....	111 89.....	".....	H. P. Walker
T. R. Malone.....	111 89.....	".....	D. Welburn
W. M. Vise.....	74 59.....	".....	L. Waters
L. C. Danley.....	149 18.....	".....	D. Welburn
W. C. Atmore.....	149 18.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
Mrs. S. Kelly.....	149 18.....	".....	Gilby Kelley
J. A. Brooking.....	74 59.....	".....	D. Welburn
W. G. Johns.....	298 36.....	".....	J. C. Minor
G. L. Gould.....	74 59.....	".....	J. A. Henderson
Isaac Collard.....	14 42.....	".....	W. F. Taylor
T. R. Malone.....	14 42.....	".....	D. Welburn
J. C. Hardy.....	14 42.....	".....	W. W. Chamberlain
Mrs. Gilby Kelly.....	9 61.....	".....	L. A. Robertson
J. M. Johnson's children.....	9 61.....	".....	D. Welburn
Mrs. S. A. Latta.....	9 61.....	".....	W. F. Taylor
Mrs. W. A. Vise.....	9 61.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
Mrs. G. L. Gould.....	9 61.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
Mrs. J. A. Brooking.....	9 61.....	".....	D. Welburn
Mrs. Samuel Kelly.....	19 22.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
W. C. Atmore.....	19 22.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
Mrs. W. G. Johns.....	38 44.....	".....	S. L. Robertson
L. C. Danley.....	19 22.....	".....	D. Welburn

Joint Board of Finance, In account with Conference Collection:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount collection.....	\$1,529 27	
To Preachers' Aid Society.....	197 10	
Total debits.....	\$1,726 37	
By amount paid for Superannuated, &c.....	\$1,726 37	

Joint Board of Finance, In account with Bishops' Fund:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount collected.....	\$912 54	
By amount paid Bishop K. by M. D. Reynolds.....	\$14 50	
" " Bishop W. expense.....	22 00	
" " paid Bishop W.....	876 04	
	\$912 54	

W. T. POYNTER, Chairman Joint Board of Finance.

(F.)

The Joint Board of Finance believing that the operations of the Financial Plan, adopted at the last session of the Conference and found on page 23 of the Minutes, marked "F," has accomplished good, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That said plan be published in the minutes of the present session, and that the preachers be advised to urge its adoption upon all their Church Conferences.

W. T. POYNTER, Chairman Joint Board of Finance.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

Let the stewards of each work, at the earliest practical moment after Conference, make the allowance of the preacher in charge, and add to this not only the claims of the presiding elder, but also all the collections ordered by the Annual Con-

ference and apportioned by the District stewards, and let them divide this aggregate among the different churches.

Let the preacher, at the first Church Conference thereafter of each church, cause the amount thus apportioned to be stated. Let the Conference appoint three or five discreet men (other than the stewards, if possible), as a committee, who shall, with the church register before them, assess each member the amount which, in the judgment of the committee, is equitable.

Let each member be notified of his assessments, either by reading it publicly, or by written notice, and his approval secured. If any do not agree to their assessments, let the deficit be apportioned as before.

The stewards should take this assessment list, and, dividing the names according to circumstances and convenience, call regularly, either once a quarter, monthly, or weekly, upon every member, and collect the assessment against each member.

At the close of the year, let the Secretary of each Church Conference read publicly the assessment against the members, with the amount paid by each; and if there be a deficiency, and it can not be raised, let the preacher and the presiding elder share *pro rata* with the different demands embraced in the original assessment.

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The Joint Board of Finance desire to call the attention of the preachers and official members to Sec. 2., Chapter 9. of the Discipline, and to remind them that in all cases the Preacher and Presiding Elder must share *pro rata* in the amounts collected for the support of the ministry.

W. T. POYNTER, *Chairman Joint Board of Finance.*

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to report the following as the claimants upon the Conference for the ensuing year, with the amounts apportioned to these claims, respectively:

Isaac Collard.....	\$150	W. C. Atmore.....	\$250
Mrs. W. G. Johns.....	400	J. M. Johnson's children.....	150
Mrs. S. A. Latta.....	150	Mrs. Gilby Kelly.....	150
T. R. Malone.....	150	L. C. Danly.....	150
Jno. C. Hardy.....	150	Mrs. Samuel Kelly.....	300
Mrs. W. M. Vise.....	150	Mrs. G. L. Gould.....	150
Mrs. J. A. Brooking.....	100	Mrs. Wm. Parker.....	100
C. T. Widney.....	200	Wm. Bickers.....	300
		Total.....	\$3,000.

(H.)

This amount has been apportioned as follows:

Lexington District.....	\$575
Covington District.....	575
Shelbyville District.....	575
Millersburg District.....	475
Maysville District.....	425
Harrodsburg District.....	375
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	\$3,000

The Bishop's claim has been apportioned as follows:

Lexington District.....	\$250
Harrodsburg District.....	175
Covington District.....	250
Maysville District.....	200
Millersburg District.....	225
Shelbyville District.....	250
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	\$1,350

(H.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education desire to make the following Report of its financial condition:

Amount of invested funds.....	\$44,000
Cash and good notes on hand.....	22,000
Lands in Illinois.....	800
Turnpike road stock.....	250
University buildings and grounds.....	40,000
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Total.....	\$107,050

S. L. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

S. L. ROBERTSON, TREASURER,

1870.	In account with Preacher's Aid Society.	Dr.
Sept. 20.	Amount of Cash on hand.....	\$2,700 00
1871.	Interest on same 1 year, at 7.3 percent.....	197 10
Sept. 20.	Reliable Notes.....	147 04
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	By interest paid chairman Board of Finance.....	\$3,044 14
		197 10
	Balance due Society.....	\$2,847 04

S. L. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas Miss Lorena Brown, of Fleming County, Ky., has purchased a perpetual scholarship in the Millersburg Female College, and the partnership entered into between this Conference and the owners of said college being dissolved, thereby rendering it impossible for us to convey to her a scholarship in said institution, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to issue to her a perpetual scholarship in the Kentucky Wesleyan University.

S. L. ROBERTSON.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Peter Taylor was born in Billings, Lancashire, England, Feb., 28, 1809; was baptised in infancy by Rev. Mr. Carr, minister of the Church of England; came to America in 1817; joined the M. E. Church in the Spring of 1830, and was appointed class leader the following fall; after serving a time he was licensed to exhort, and then to preach.

He was admitted in the Kentucky Annual Conference in 1834; ordained Deacon by Bishop Soule in 1836, and Elder by Bishop Morris in 1838.

Brother Taylor was a strong preacher of the old Methodist type, and wherever he went was acceptable and greatly beloved, always leaving a hallowed influence behind him. He was an earnest, practical preacher, seldom failing to reach the hearts of his audience, therefore his labors were eminently successful, and hundreds of souls can point to him as the instrument in God's hands of their conversion.

During his itineracy, he filled many of the most important circuits and stations in the Kentucky Conference to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, but God, in his all-wise providence, saw fit to arrest his labors and lead him through deep waters of affliction.

The wife of his youth, the partner of his early days, and her children, one by one, until none was left, and three children by his present wife, all dying in glorious hope of everlasting life, have preceeded him to the better world; and he too for nearly twenty years has been greatly afflicted in body, but though set aside from the active work, yet he has not been idle; whenever opportunity presented itself, he went forth in the discharge of his ministerial duties, declaring the glad tidings of salvation to the sinner, comforting the saint, and administering the balm of consolation to the distressed from the pulpit and in the social circle.

But now he rests from his labors; his warfare is over; he has gone to receive his crown, and meet his loved ones in glory.

He sweetly fell asleep, in the arms of Jesus, at his residence in Lewis Co., Ky., August 22d, 1871.

"The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

D. H. MARIMON,
P. E. KAVANAUGH, } Committee.
S. L. ROBERTSON,

IN MEMORIAM.

The Rev. Wm. H. Parker was born in the State of Virginia, in the year 1799. His parents, who were Presbyterians, removed to Ohio while he was still a boy. In that new and stirring population he developed into an active and industrious man. Many of his neighbors sent their produce, every Autumn, to New Orleans in flat boats. The love of excitement and a curiosity to see that semi-tropical region, and the hope of bettering his fortune, induced him to make repeated voyages to that distant city. Indeed so often were these journeys repeated, that when the steamboats were introduced he found ready employment as a pilot, but as he thought of settling down for life he learned the trade of a cooper, and for many years, both in Ohio and Kentucky, carried on the business.

The date of his first marriage and the maiden name of his first wife are unknown to us. They lived in the town of Dover, Mason Co., Ky., for many years, where some of his children still reside.

Brother Parker was fully grown to maturity before he embraced religion. His soul abhorred the views of the plan of Salvation as presented by Calvinism. But when he heard the gospel from the lips of Methodist preachers, he realized the Grace of God in offering salvation to sinners, and loathed himself for having so persistently rejected salvation. His thirsty soul panted for the Waters of Life, and through faith in the blood of Jesus was satisfied. So assiduous was he to know the length and breadth, and height, and depth of the plan of salvation, that even while engaged at his trade he always kept such books as Wesley's Notes and Clarke's Commentaries on his bench, that he might glean some grains of knowledge while for a moment at any time he stopped to rest his body.

Thus he soon became Class Leader and Steward in his society. The church thought proper to license him as a local preacher, as such he was ordained Deacon at Maysville in 1854, and in 1859 recommended him to the Kentucky Conference. He was admitted and having filled his probation, was admitted into full connection in Paris, in 1861. As a preacher he was studious, faithful and full of zeal; as a pastor he was diligent.

At Florence in 1867 the wife of his youth died, still he was in labors abundant.

While on the Orangeburg work in 1869 he married Miss Nancy Rash, whose life has vindicated the wisdom of the choice.

At the last session of this Conference he was appointed to the New Columbus circuit, where he labored assiduously, both in the pulpit and from house to house, till stricken down. During his sickness he was patient in suffering, but grieved that he could not be at work. The writer visited and staid with him on the night of May 21st, and though he suffered much in body; his soul seemed filled with the love of God. He died May 28th, 1871, and is buried at Florence, Ky., by the side of his first wife.

P. E. KAVANAUGH.

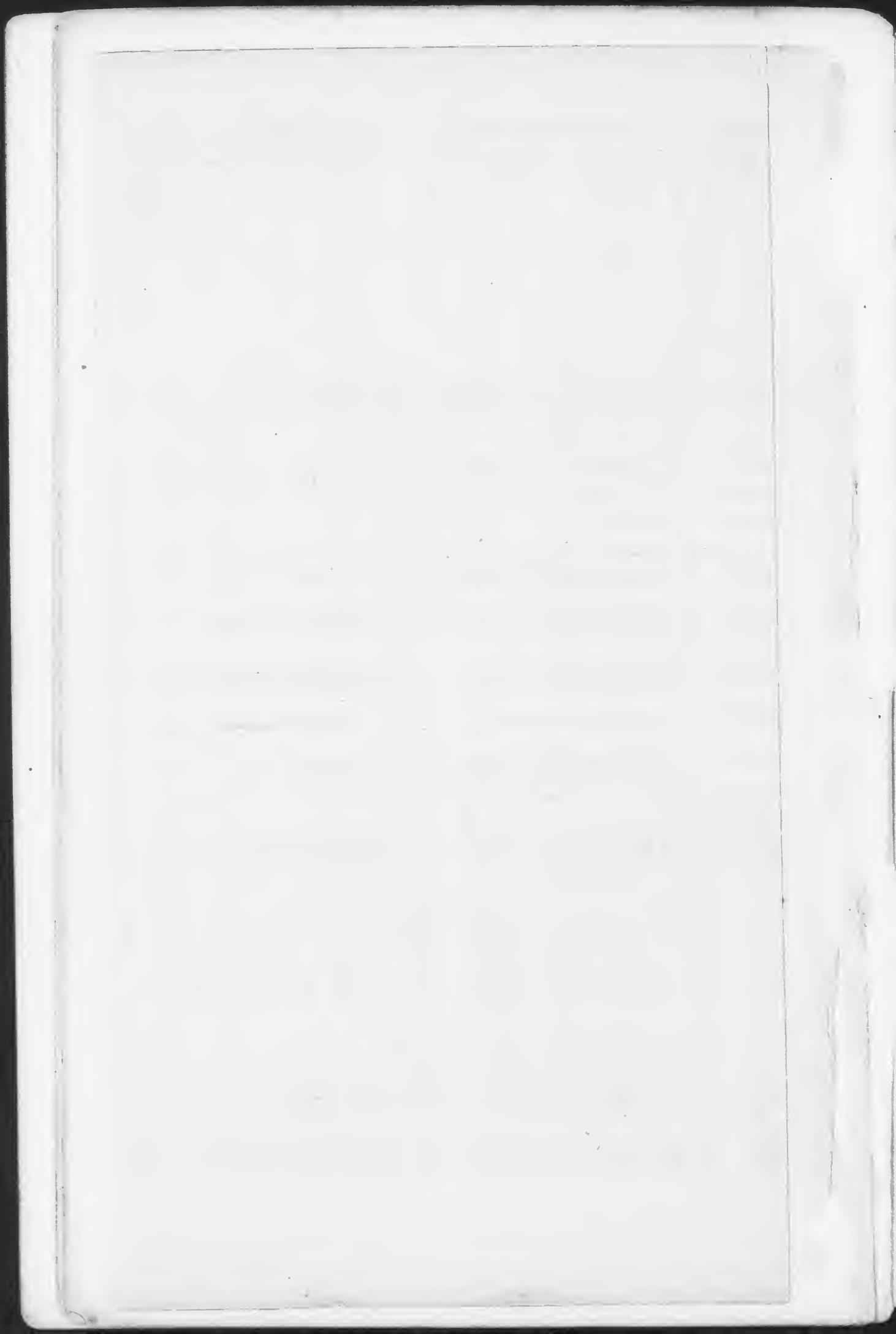
GENERAL SUMMARY.

in the Conference, 18,423; Local Preachers, 117; Adult Baptisms, 1,608; Infant Baptisms, 29; Officers and Teachers, 984; Scholars, 6,858; Churches, 216; Periodicals, 1,055; Sunday Schools, \$3,196.83; Bible Cause, \$807.86; expended on Parsonages, \$13,573; value of Parsonages, \$73,150; value of Churches, \$522,700; annuated this year, \$3,000; for Bishops, \$1,350; for Missions, \$6,625.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT																								
Lexington,	296	5	12	1	1	12	100	400	60	15	2	20,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	\$70,00	70,00
Frankfort,	200	12	1	1	12	100	400	60	15	2	20,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	1	5,000	\$70,00	70,00	
Versailles and Mortonsville,	160	17	1	2	30	150	300	50	25	2	14,000	1	2,500	1	2,500	1	2,500	1	2,500	1	2,500	15,00	120,00	
Georgetown,	85	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	13,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100,00	
Millersburg,	224	29	1	4	1	16	110	360	—	25	1	8,000	1	4,000	1	2,500	1	2,000	1	2,000	1	2,000	22,50	50,00
Winchester,	90	8	—	—	1	8	30	150	35	16	1	5,000	0	0,000	1	300,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,00	
Greenwich,	59	1	—	—	1	1	8	50	150	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,00	
Oxford,	201	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	200	—	23	4	8,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,00
North Middleton and Mt. Zion,	135	1	1	—	—	5	45	100	6	25	2	6,000	1	4,000	1	180,00	90,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Paris,	144	2	1	—	1	12	85	400	—	9	1	10,000	1	5,500	1	650,00	00,00	31,50	100,00	—	—	—	—	
Cedar Chapel,	76	3	4	4	2	12	120	200	—	6	3	5,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mt. Sterling,	280	20	—	—	2	12	70	350	40	102	3	20,000	1	4,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60,00	40,00	
Ebenezer,	53	4	1	—	1	6	24	236	40	12	1	5,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,00	
Total,	1997	1	119	23	12	16	138	924	3656	446	198	24	136,000	7	32,000	1,910,00	295,00	244,00	614,00	—	—	—	—	
HARRODSBURG DISTRICT																								
Harrodsburg,	150	22	7	—	1	12	70	575	50	20	2	\$11,000	1	\$4,500	\$120,00	\$0,00	\$25,00	\$186,50	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salvisa,	300	58	10	1	2	15	70	140	58	36	4	8,000	—	—	—	475,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,80	
Lawrenceburg,	413	72	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	8	9,700	—	—	—	2,200,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perryville,	244	20	50	2	2	1	13	120	600	60	13	1	6,000	1	2,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,00	
Perryville Circuit,	400	1	57	17	3	3	9	65	240	20	4	2	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,00	
Maxville,	415	100	239	20	1	7	40	280	400	50	20	3	5,000	—	—	—	100,00	—	—	—	—	—	100,00	
Danville,	125	2	2	1	1	8	40	400	30	20	2	8,500	1	3,000	200,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,00	
Stanford,	100	11	7	1	1	10	40	225	35	15	1	3,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,00	
Somerset,	175	3	4	4	2	20	130	750	00	12	2	5,000	—	—	—	30,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,00	
Nicholasville,	125	10	6	—	1	10	40	300	30	20	1	10,000	—	—	—	25,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,15	
Jessamine,	315	20	25	3	3	18	140	300	30	15	6	7,000	—	—	—	350,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,00	
Richmond,	210	26	4	3	1	8	40	540	100	22	3	12,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,00	
Lancaster and Crab Orchard,	124	27	1	2	1	6	23	75	—	2	2	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,00	
Bryantsville,	156	2	—	1	2	15	80	200	120	7	3	5,000	1	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34,00	
Total,	3,252	121	605	120	24	26	184	1138	4745	585	218	40	93,700	4	11,000	3,475,00	—	135,00	—	—	—	—	—	587,45
SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT																								
Shelbyville,	140	—	22	7	—	1	12	70	575	50	20	1	\$20,000	1	\$4,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Shelby Circuit,	242	1	3	1	1	3	20	110	500	120	23	4	5,000	1	2,000	\$75,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$20,00
Taylorsville,	250	25	6	1	1	12	60	150	30	30	4	20,000	1	2,000	125,00	\$30,00	\$30,00	—	—	—	—	—	10,00	
Bloomfield,	287	2	12	—	3	22	175	1000	55	23	4	14,000	1	3,000	440,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,00	
Lagrange,	175	2	10	3	—	1	10	70	300	50	20	3	8,000	—	—	—	2,200,00	—	—	—	—	—	20,00	
Floydsburg,	240	20	2	1	4	25	168	494	50	10	4	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,00	
Bedford,	456	14	27	2	1	7	28	320	553	25	24	5	4,000	1	750	150,00	130,00	130,00	27,00	—	—	—	45,00	
Milton,	208	12	—	—	1	3	24	109	478	25	12	3	2,500	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100,00	
Newcastle,	217	—	21	3	1	1	8	55	107	45	23	4	12,000	1	1,600	481,00	18,80	18,80	—	—	—	—	23,0	



COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

Examining Committee.—D. A. Beardsley, J. W. Wrightman, T. J. Godbey.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its Chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. I., Secs. 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preacher's Manual; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

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SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetic parts; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chaps. II., III. and IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus's Handbook of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life; Whateley's Rhetoric.

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THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; Rivers's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variation's of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. V., VI. and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whateley's Logic;

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FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; River's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clarke's Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stire's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

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